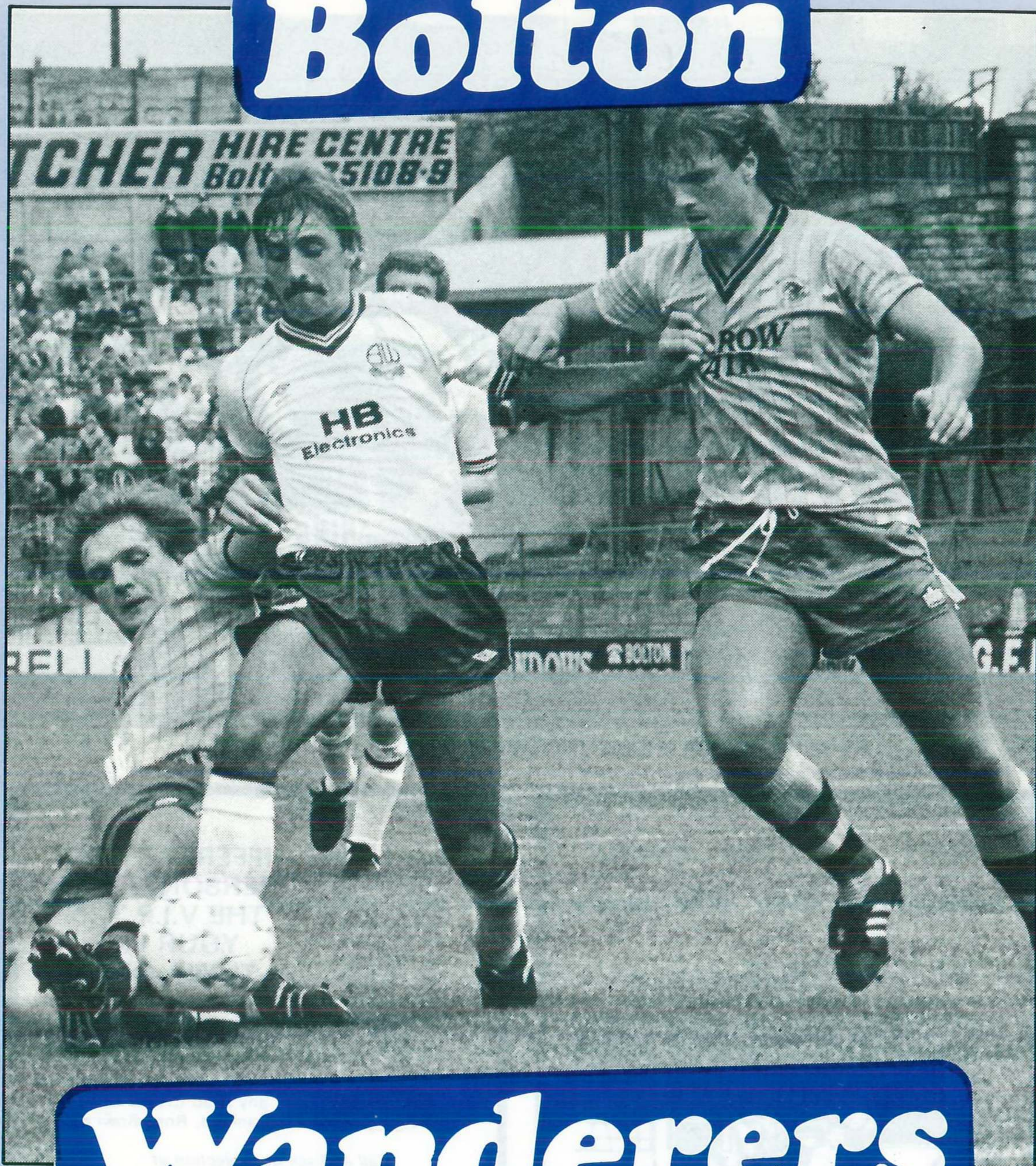


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Welcome to John Hore and his Plymouth side who were one of the surprise packages of the Third Division last season, reaching the semi-final of the FA Cup.

Having had the experience of playing against a better class of opposition last season, they like ourselves, are now looking to improve on their League form.

We have had a poor start to the season by any standards but there is nothing basically wrong with the

players here at the moment that a win or two wouldn't sort out.

After last Saturday's match at Rotherham where I was extremely concerned about our application, there was an immediate turn-around and although we lost at Swansea on Tuesday night there were some very promising signs as far as certain individuals' form is concerned.

Gerry McElhinney looked more like his old self and along with Brian Borrows, Warren Joyce, Simon Rudge and again, George Oghani, put in a tremendous amount of hard work for no reward.

Eleven players producing that amount of work will guarantee an improvement in our results.

Colin Appleton, the Swansea manager, was also concerned about his team's effort and his programme notes for Tuesday night had a rather familiar ring to them.

Like me he made the point that hard work is essential for any team to succeed.

But looking at his players — even after our defeat still left me with a lot of confidence and faith in the players I have here.

Football is a funny game and sometimes can take you to strange depths when things aren't going well. But if we can put in the effort and our superb supporters can continue to back us, we can improve things and in the end enjoy the rewards of the game.

New signings will always come into mind if they can be seen to improve the side. But at the moment we have enough quality and in the coming weeks, by basically trying to play to our strengths and improve on our deficiencies, we will see an improvement.

Players like Jeff Chandler, Tony Caldwell, Graham Bell and Paul Lodge who were left out for the Swansea game have only got to play the way we know they can and they will be in with a chance of a recall.

But to quote that old cliché: "You're only as good as your last game" I think that explains the reason why they were left out after the Rotherham game.

FRONT COVER: Sandwiched — Tony Caldwell in the thick of things against Hull City.

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Welcome to the Park

Plymouth Argyle, the team that shook everyone by reaching the F.A. Cup semi-finals last season, have made a slow start to their Third Division programme though they have already started to blaze another Cup trail.

In the first round of the Milk Cup, Argyle defeated neighbouring Torquay United 2-0 on aggregate and now face Birmingham City, the runaway Second Division leaders, with the first-leg at St Andrews next week.

In spite of their disappointing start, Argyle still come to Burnden Park with an unbeaten away record. They won 1-0 at Torquay in the Milk Cup and have drawn their two previous away League games at Burnley (1-1) and Lincoln (2-2). They found themselves trailing 0-2 at Sincil Bank a fortnight ago, with less than 25 minutes to play, but pulled back magnificently to win a point.

Home form has been poor. They were beaten at Home Park by Reading (1-2) and have been held to draws by Bournemouth (0-0), and York City (1-1).

Two members of last season's senior squad moved on during the summer. Welsh international midfield man David Phillips joined Manchester City whilst centre-back Lindsay Smith signed for Millwall.

Clive Goodyear was signed from Luton to take over Smith's role whilst Russell Coughlin, a summer arrival from Carlisle, has been drafted into the midfield.

Manager John Hore also signed another centre-back, Adrian Burrows, from Northampton on loan.

While Argyle were enjoying a club record run in the F.A. Cup — taking in away victories at West Bromwich and Derby — they remained in danger of dropping into the Fourth Division for the first time until the final day of the season when a 3-1 home win over Orient guaranteed their safety.

The club's unusual name derives from the place of its birth, a public house in Argyle Terrace where the organisation was founded as Argyle Athletic Club in 1886. Home Park, the club's present ground, was originally the home of Devonport Albion Rugby Club.

In 1903 soccer enthusiasts broke away to form a new, professional football club and this was immediately accepted into the Southern League where it remained until the Football League took over that competition to form the Third Division (South) in 1920.

During the 'twenties the Pilgrims suffered the

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

ARGYLE MAKE SLOW START

By Tony Pullein

frustration of finishing runners-up for six consecutive seasons! In those days only one club was promoted and the sequence is still considered the biggest hard luck story in the history of the Football League.

Argyle eventually finished top in 1930 and held their Second Division status until 1950.

The club almost folded at the end of the second world war. German bombs completely destroyed Home Park and, as the club had to withdraw from all forms of competition in 1940, it was virtually bankrupt when the time came to pick up the strings in 1945.

A few enthusiasts decided to carry on, even though their only covered accommodation was a local corporation bus! This served as dressing room accommodation on the lower deck with the directors' box on top.

After that relegation of 1950, it took Argyle two years to regain their Second Division status. When they dropped down again in 1956 it took three years to get back again.

Further relegation came in 1968 and they returned for their last spell of Second Division play in 1975. They were relegated in 1977 and have remained in this division since then.

Argyle's success last season proved there is still a huge soccer following down there in Devon. A crowd of 34,365 turned up for their sixth round clash with Derby County which ended in a draw. A few of those came back to support the club in its League games but this season the average is down to just over the 5,000 mark.

Last season's run was one of a rare piece of Cup fame for Argyle. They had never previously survived the fifth round, though in 1965 and 1974 they progressed to the semi-finals of the Milk Cup.

GEOFF GRUDGINGTON (Goalkeeper). Geoff joined Plymouth from Swansea for £40,000 in 1979. He began his career with Aston Villa, making a few League appearances for them. He moved on to Crewe in 1972 and remained in their first-team for six years until signing for Swansea for £20,000 in 1978.

GORDON NISBET (Defender). When Gordon made his League debut for W.B.A. in 1969 he was a goalkeeper! When he was recalled to first-team duty by the Albion for an F.A. Cup tie he was a right-back. He has remained there ever since and did well enough to win an England under-23 cap in that position. He moved on to Hull for £30,000 in 1976

and Argyle paid a similar fee to sign him in 1981.

CHRIS HARRISON (Defender). Chris has appeared in both full-back positions and he has also been used as a forward. A former Argyle apprentice, Chris earned his first-team place in 1976.

ADRIAN BURROWS (Defender). Adrian joined Argyle on loan from Northampton at the beginning of the season. He began his League career with Mansfield in 1979 and, after moving on to Northampton in 1982, he became a fixture in their defence for two seasons.

CLIVE GOODYEAR (Defender). Clive took his bow in League football with Luton in 1980 and in 1981/82 and the following season he was a regular member of the Hatters' back four. He made around 100 first-team appearances for Luton before joining Plymouth this summer.

JOHN UZZELL (Defender). John has been an Argyle professional since April 1977 and he made his League debut early in the following season. He has now made well over 200 League appearances.

KEVIN HODGES (Midfield). Kevin is a product of the club's youth scheme. He made his League bow in 1978/79 and earned himself a regular place five seasons ago.

LEIGH COOPER (Midfield). Leigh also developed in the junior teams, making his League debut in 1979/80. He won a regular place the following season.

RUSSELL COUGHLIN (Midfield). Russell didn't get into Manchester City's first-team but he got his League chance in 1979 after transferring to Blackburn for £40,000. He moved onto Carlisle for £20,000 in 1980 and made some 150 senior

appearances for the Cumbrians before joining Argyle this summer.

ANDY ROGERS (Midfield). Andy was signed from Southampton for £50,000 in September 1981. His first club was Peterborough United, for whom he made 31 League appearances. Southampton signed him in 1979 but he got only rare opportunities in their first-team. It was Andy's goal, direct from a corner, that knocked Derby out of the F.A. Cup and put Argyle into the semi-final for the first-time last season.

TOMMY TYNAN (Forward). Tommy started his career with Liverpool but he didn't come into contention for a first-team place at Anfield. But was loaned to Swansea in 1975/76 and made his League debut during his short stay at The Vetch Field. It was after moving to Sheffield Wednesday for £10,000 that Tommy established himself in League soccer. He was the Owls' top scorer with 21 goals in 1977/78 but the following season saw him on the move again, to Lincoln for £33,000. But his stay at Sincil Bank was very brief and a £25,000 bid took him onto Newport within weeks. He was top scorer with 13 in 1981/82 and 31 the following season. Plymouth signed him in 1983 and he was their best marksman with 16 last season.

GORDON STANIFORTH (Forward). Gordon opened his League career with Hull City in 1973/74, but was only an occasional first-teamer for the Tigers. After joining York for £10,000 in 1976, he soon settled down and for two seasons he was their top scorer. Carlisle paid £120,000 for him in 1979 and he topped their scoring list in 1980/81. Plymouth signed him in an exchange deal shortly before the 1983 transfer deadline.



Back row: Martin Harvey (Team Coach), Adrian Burrows, John Uzzell, David Philp, Geoff Crudgington, Mike Ham, Gordon Nisbet, John Hore (Manager).

Front row: Mark Rowe, Andy Rogers, Kevin Hodges, Chris Harrison, Leigh Cooper (Captain), Tommy Tynan, Richard Coughlin and Gordon Staniforth.

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Club News

SIMON MARLAND

IN RETROSPECT

We welcome Plymouth Argyle to Burnden Park today for what will be the 23rd football league game between the two sides.

The Wanderers have the edge in the series to date having won 11 to Argyle's 9 with the first game taking place here in September 1933 in the second division. Winger John Hughes and Ray Westwood with his third goal in as many games won the points in Bolton's first home game of that season. Argyle won the return by 3-0 but the following season saw the sides face each other on three occasions.

The league meetings saw victories for each side at home but the highest gate was for a 4th round FA Cup tie at Home Park. 41,403 paid £3,066 to see the Wanderers who were leading the second division, register their first ever win there by 4-1 and earn a 5th round tie at Tottenham.

Our paths didn't cross again until September 1964 when the Wanderers produced their best ever win against Plymouth with a 6-1 scoreline. Freddie Hill and Wyn Davies both chipped in with a couple with Brian Bromley and Gordon Taylor also on the scoresheet. The Wanderers were finding the net regularly at that time, this victory meant they had netted 19 times in the last 4 league games.

The following February Bolton won 3-1 at Home Park completing their only double to date.

Argyle's only double game in season 1966/67 when goals from Andy Nelson and Mike Bickle won them their home game. A crowd of 7,257 in wet conditions came to Burnden and saw Alan Banks head the visitors into the lead after 12 minutes. Ronnie Phillips equalised for Bolton in the first minute of the second half, but the winner for Plymouth came just 3 minutes from the end of the game.

Current manager John Hore picked up a loose ball and from 30 yards out crashed an unstoppable drive past Eddie Hopkinson to notch his first goal for Argyle.

Argyle also won at Burnden the following season, their third in succession and their last to date, but they were already doomed to relegation when Bolton visited them in May and won for the first time away from home in 11 attempts.

A crowd of 13,336 saw the sides first ever third division meeting in October 1971 that took place at Home Park. A Warwick Rimmer own goal and a Don Hutchins effort won the game for Argyle when the teams were:—

Bolton: Wright, Ritson, Mowbray, Nicholson, Hulme, Rimmer, P. Jones, Hunt, G. Jones, Greaves, Byrom. Sub: Seddon.

Argyle: Furnell, Davey, Harris, Hore, Saxton, Provan, Brown, Rickard, Allen Latcham, Hutchins, Sub: Sullivan.

Last season both clubs won their respective home games. In November at Home Park it took only 3 minutes for Tony Kellow, on his debut after his transfer from Exeter to open Argyle's account. The Wanderers at the time were down to 10 men as Ray Deakin was off the field receiving treatment after a collision. Bolton were again out of luck in the 66th minute when a clearance by Peter Valentine struck winger David Phillips in the face and fell for him to rifle home.

The return at Burnden took place in April three days after Plymouth's FA Cup semi final defeat. Jeff Chandler opened the scoring in the 38th minute when he converted a penalty awarded for pushing. Argyle equalised in the 58th minute by way of another penalty. The referee ignored the linesman's flag when Andy Rogers was offside. Tommy Tynan raced through and was pulled down by Simon Farnworth. Tynan converted the penalty amid the crowds displeasure at the referee's decision.

In the 78th minute Graham Bell netted his first league goal for Bolton after some good work by full back Brian Borrowes to earn a deserved 2-1 victory.

Our league record against Argyle reads:—

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	11	7	1	3	22	10
Away	11	4	1	6	12	17
Totals	22	11	2	9	34	27

DOWN MEMORY LANE

15 years ago 17th September 1969. Struggling Aston Villa visited Burnden Park for a 2nd Division game. A crowd of 11,407 saw John Byrom and Roy Greaves give the Wanderers a half time lead before Bruce Rioch pulled one back for Villa.

Centre half Hurley returned to the side at the expense of John Hulme and Gareth Williams made his first appearance of the season coming on as substitute for Ian Seddon.

20th September 1969. An unchanged Wanderers side went down to their first home defeat of the season at the hands of Portsmouth.

Former Wanderer Brian Bromley set up the only goal of the game for winger Nick Jennings.

10 years ago 17th September 1974. The Wanderers visited Norwich City for a 2nd round league cup replay. They were without Don McAllister who was injured and Hugh Curran who was cup-tied. They were replaced by Warwick Rimmer and Neil Watmore respectively. Norwich ran out 3-1 winners with goals from Dave Stringer, Ted MacDougall and Phil Boyer with a Paul Jones penalty being Bolton's only effort.

21st September 1974. Bolton visited high flying Sunderland and came away with a point in a dour scoreless game. There were bookings for John Ritson, Don McAllister and Hugh Curran as the Wanderers put the shutters up as they never allowed Sunderland to settle down.

25th September 1974. The Wanderers visited league leaders Manchester United before a crowd of 47,084. The only change in the side was the return of John Byrom at the expense of Neil Whatmore who reverted to substitute. Bolton certainly held their own until killer goals in the 41st and 44th minute from Lou Macari and Stewart Houston sent them reeling. Their third goal came when Don McAllister put through his own goal to give United a five point lead at the top of the table.

5 years ago 19th September 1979. The Wanderers visited St Mirren for an Anglo-Scottish Cup quarter final tie and found themselves four goals down after half an hour. The first came after only 45 seconds from Stark and others followed from Bone and MacDougall (2). Things got worse when Len Cantello was sent off for a bad foul ten minutes after he had been booked for a similar challenge.

Just before half time Frank Worthington reduced the arrears and in the 74th minute Tad Nowak got Bolton's second to make the score 4-2 and give some hope for the second leg a fortnight later.

22nd September 1979. Sam Allardyce returned to the side for the visit of Leeds United to Burnden. After only 12 minutes both sides were down to 10 men when Neil McNab and Brian Flynn were sent off for fighting.

Leeds took the lead on the hour when Roy Greaves pushed over Arthur Graham in the penalty area and Eddie Gray scored from the spot.

Two minutes later Sam Allardyce, playing his first league game of the season rose to head home a Worthington corner and in the dying seconds he had another flying header brilliantly saved by Leeds' keeper David Harvey, the game ending 1-1.

PROGRAMME FAIR

The 10th annual football programme fair will take place on Sunday 14th October at the Pack Horse Hotel, Bradshawgate, Bolton. It commences at 11.00 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. Junior Whites members will be admitted free.

WANTED

Chelsea supporter Nigel Rogers of 11 Butts Crescent, Hanworth, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 6HO has written to the club requiring a copy of the Bolton v Chelsea programme from 1982/83 season. Nigel is prepared to pay any reasonable price and if anyone can help would they contact Nigel direct.

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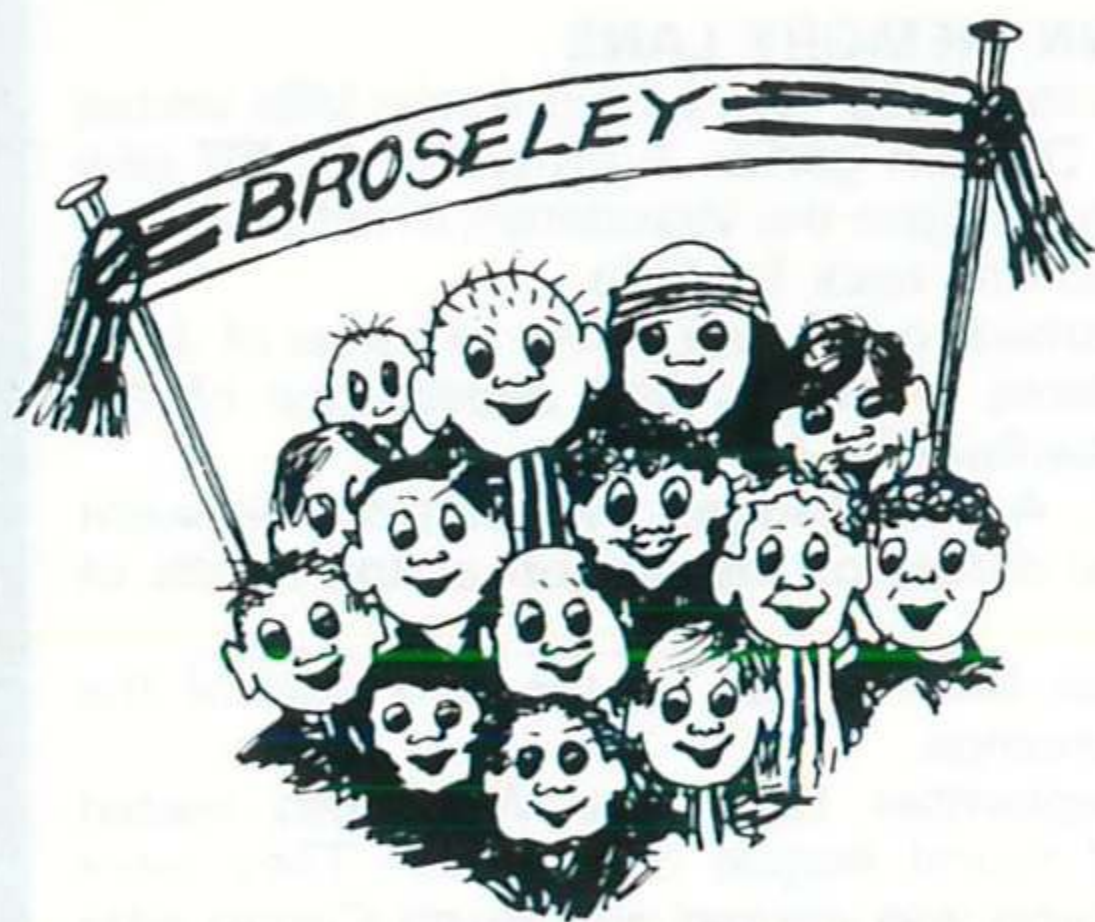
On the 2nd September 18 members of the Wanderers' Lifeline Running Club took part in the Adidas British Marathon. Finishing times were as follows:—

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JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Today's mascot is Jonathon Gregory of Langham Close, Astley Bridge. Jonathon is 9 years old and attends Sharples County Primary School. His favourite player is Tony Caldwell.





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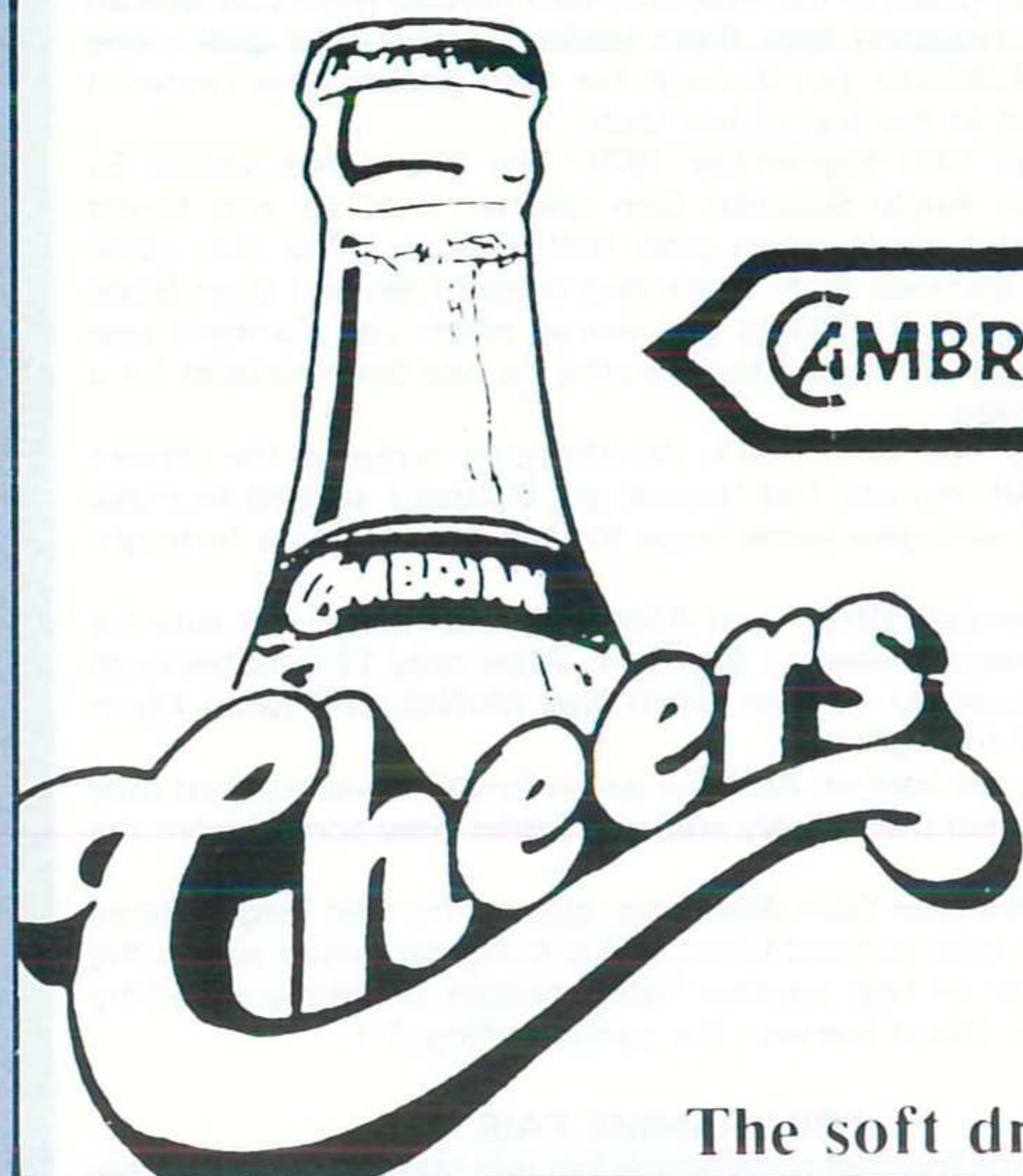
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IN RESERVE

4th September 1984

Leeds United Reserves 1 Bolton Reserves 1

The Wanderers Reserves visited Leeds, who had also suffered relegation for their first away game of the season.

Dean Roberts opened the scoring in the 40th minute but the lead didn't last long as the Yorkshiremen equalised well into injury time of the first half.

The side gave a good workmanlike performance with John Platt and Paul Booth showing up well and Peter Valentine regaining his fitness after illness.

A mention also for debutant Mike Whitlow who gave a good account of himself in an unfamiliar position.

Team: Platt, Walker, Whitlow, Booth, Came, Valentine, Thompson, Roberts, Foster, Crooks, J. Darby. Sub: Allen.

12th September 1984

Bolton Reserves 2 Doncaster Reserves 2

The Wanderers Reserves went down to their first defeat of the season to Central League newcomers Doncaster.

The visitors gave an off form Bolton side the runabout for much of the game and after Buckley had hit the post in the 27th minute and Berry headed against the bar in the 31st minute, it came as no surprise when they took the lead two minutes later.

A tremendous shot from the edge of the penalty area by full back Russell flew into the bottom corner of the net.

The second half was only one second old when Butterworth headed home a Buckley cross and two minutes later Butterworth again scored this time from an acute angle 8 yards out following a scramble.

The Wanderers appeared to come back into the game after this setback and after 54 minutes Simon Rudge nodded home a Roger Walker cross after the winger had outrun the full back.

A minute later Steve Thompson struck the bar with a 25-yard drive that had Rovers' 'keeper Gregory beaten. After 68 minutes the Wanderers pulled another goal back, this time from the penalty spot. Rovers' defender George Berry felling Wanderers man of the match Simon Rudge to give Steve Thompson the job of converting the kick which he completed by sending the 'keeper the wrong way.

The Wanderers continued to throw everything at Rovers in an effort to equalise with Simon Rudge prominent but they lacked the finishing touches to deny them a point that their second half performance deserved.

Team: Platt, J. Darby, Phillips, Chandler, Came, Booth, Walker, Foster, Rudge, Thompson, Roberts. Sub: Howard for Darby (69 minutes).

A WINGING WAY

For years now a wingers lot has not been a happy one in the helter skelter atmosphere of League football. The advent of the 4-2-4 formation of play in the 1960's presented attacking players with problems they could not overcome, the emphasis was clearly on defensive play.

With four defenders strung across the back and two more midfield players lending their weight to the defensive pattern creative players found that they were no longer up against single opponents but against cover and even double covering players.

As a result the line-hugging, tantalising, ball playing wingers found themselves marked out of the game. With no space behind the opposing full-back to run into they gradually dropped back deeper and deeper until they disappeared into the jungle of midfield.

And so congested did it become in the middle that the game slowly strangled itself. Instead of going forward play began to go sideways and back as players looked for space to utilise. . . . The games negative qualities were in control. The beautiful side of soccer had been smothered.

Against this background the traditional style winger became almost extinct. Managers insisted that they still played wide with fullbacks moving forward to utilise the space vacated by the number 7's and 11's who were now seeking security in deeper safer areas, and to some extent that was true, but a swash-buckling fullback getting down the line never provided quite the same excitement and expectancy as those classical wingers with their pace, balance and tight control.

However in the last couple of years there has been a distinct change of attitude in Football League circles. Once again wingers are in vogue and with teams now favouring just three at the back the pendulum is swinging once more to an attacking mode of football.

The England Under-21 side retained the UEFA European Championship with a side which contained two flank raiders, Mark Chamberlain (Stoke City), Nigel Callaghan and John Barnes (Watford), Danny Wallace (Southampton) and Mark Walters (Aston Villa) all playing their part.

At senior level too, manager Bobby Robson declared his faith in quality wide players by promoting both Chamberlain and Barnes to the senior side for the end

of season matches against Scotland, Russia, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile, and didn't they do well.

Chamberlain's arrival as an England winger is perhaps the most remarkable. The former Port Vale forward had played only six First Division games for Stoke City when he was called up for England honours.

Now 23, the 'Black Stanley Matthews' as he was affectionately dubbed in the Potteries is establishing himself in the England team, five of his seven caps coming last spring.

But he has had difficulty with fluctuating form during a long hard season. Stoke manager Bill Asprey has tried to instill more consistency into his game and says: "I believe we have sorted out his best role, a licence to operate anywhere up front which will enable him to escape from any tight marking on the wings."

It is nice to see the men of flair and imagination given their heads. Football as an entertainment can only be richer for the likes of Chamberlain, Barnes, Callaghan, Wallace, Walters and the rest who are helping make wing play fashionable again.

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Steve Coppell Likes The Odds



By Colin Benson

A ring of confidence surrounds Selhurst Park, the home of Crystal Palace football club. Situated in the heart of an almost unique jungle of sprawling suburbia it has a catchment area which would make the mouths of the most fastidious marketing moguls curl up in greedy anticipation. Yet Palace still awaits its return to the big time.

What has been missing over the past few years of mediocrity has been the spark to ignite the flame of success. Many big names have tried — Malcolm Allison and Alan Mullery to name but two — yet still Crystal Palace lurks in the backwoods, a dormant giant still to revel in its own potential.

Now the Board has turned to a 29-year old to provide the spark of leadership and fire the flame. The majority of outsiders kindly smile and wish him luck, as the youngest manager in the Football League, the sceptics write him off as just another pretender to the managerial merry-go-round.

Steve Coppell is not perturbed. The dapper dark haired former Manchester United star has fought the odds before and won convincingly.

As a youngster he was told he would never make a footballer. "I just wasn't good enough, I was far too small," admits Steve candidly. But this son of a plumber was not to let life pass him by. He strove for academic success and gained a BA degree in economics then went out onto the football field to prove them all wrong and become the boys own favourite with England and Manchester United.

It was last season that his brilliant playing career was spiked at its peak by a serious knee injury. It was a shattering personal tragedy that was mourned by football lovers all over the globe.

Steve's life was in turmoil but he wouldn't let the heart rule the head.

He explains: "I was so emotionally involved in the sport that I decided the best thing to do was get away, step aside and revue my prospects. So I went to Holland for 11 weeks to sit down and think it out.

"The game has provided me with a great lifestyle and enough memories to last me a lifetime, but getting away from it all I was able to assess my proper values and realise that football was so much a part of my blood that I wanted to stay in the game if possible."

The opportunity presented itself at Selhurst Park and for this Steve says he will be "eternally grateful to Ron Noades and the Board."

I don't think the Palace directors will be disappointed. Steve Coppell faces a tough assignment but then the lad who got the most out of his playing days by giving it everything he had has now channelled all those considerable energies into his managerial seat.

The Coppell smile remains firm and confident. Already he and his assistant, Ian Evans, have made a lasting impression on their charges. Says long serving defender Jim Cannon: "They have given us a lift. Both are very good on the coaching side which gives us an incentive.

"They also listen to what we have to say and are willing to discuss any ideas and try them out in training. I have been very impressed and think you will see a much more organised Palace side this year."

One man who has seen them all come and go for the last 79 years at Crystal Palace is lifelong supporter Richard "Pop" Jones. Now 86 and a constant observer at both matches and training sessions, "Pop" enthuses: "This new manager is a great gamble but a good one. The lads are getting better training now than ever before and that includes under Venables."

A fine testament indeed . . . Meanwhile Steve Coppell keeps his feet firmly on the ground. He realises that there is not going to be any overnight miracles performed. Success comes with hard work and organisation. He is a dedicated professional embarking on a new branch of the business. "Everything I do in life I want to do well," he says.

Steve has always worked hard for his success and those are the qualities which will see him through his management apprenticeship in South London. The bookies have quoted Crystal Palace at 40-1 to finish top of the Second Division, just the sort of odds Mr Coppell relishes.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL HAS A LOT GO

Ninety-two Football League pitches are pristine green. Goalposts glisten. And millions of fans await the annual ritual of The Big Kick-Off with the same eager anticipation as Graham Kelly, Secretary of The Football League, as he contemplates a desk that won't be clear again for another nine exciting and hectic months.

"This is probably the best time of my year", he says. "You hope you are going to have a good season and there is all of it still ahead.

"I don't think we will experience some of the difficulties of last season. There is a spirit of

adventure in the air that is almost tangible. Club chairmen, managers, players . . . I have the impression that they see their priority as entertaining the fans.

"We have so much to look forward to on the field. Can Liverpool become the first club to win the League Championship, the Canon League Championship now, four seasons in succession? Everton's challenge must intrigue everybody. Spurs, Arsenal, Manchester United have regrouped their playing staffs to suggest that Liverpool are about to face an immensely powerful

threat to their supremacy.

"I don't suppose for one moment that Southampton and Nottingham Forest, who finished second and third last season, consider themselves outsiders, either. Then we have three of the traditional big clubs, Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday and Newcastle, back in the First Division. I think we have every reason to expect an increase in First Division attendances.

"There was enough evidence last season to indicate that the fall-out of the past few seasons has been halted. Attendances at Canon League matches last season dropped by two per cent



Mick Channon, whose experience helped lift Norwich City into the top earners.

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which was less than the drop at European Champions Cup matches! And Milk Cup crowds were startlingly and satisfyingly up by nearly ten per cent. The new Associate Members' Cup also brought in welcome revenue for the clubs concerned.

"Financially, League clubs are broadening their bases. Summer transfers proved the point. Since May, something in the region of between £6 and £7 million has changed hands. Now that all clubs are bound by new Football League regulations to use the League as a clearing house for transfer monies and to make a down-payment of 50 per cent of the transfer fee, the financial situation is under far better control than it used to be. I can assure all football fans that none of the clubs are overstressing themselves in this respect.

"The contribution made to clubs' stability by the League's two central sponsorships cannot be over-emphasised. Last season, the 92 clubs received an aggregate of £1,182,000 from central sponsorship sources, Liverpool topping the table with £124,000. Nor did a disproportionate amount go to the big clubs. For example, Third Division Oxford United and Walsall collected £36,000 and £35,500 respectively.

"With several of last season's promotion and relegation issues not being determined until the last day, the three points for a win innovation is proving its worth.

"Even the summer weather has been in football's favour. Most of the pitches will be hard and that usually leads to an increase in goals.

"League football, still far and away the country's most popular spectator sport, has a lot going for it in 1984-85".

TOTAL		MILK CUP	FACILITY FEE	PRIZE FUND	GOALS (ANNUAL)	GOALS (MONTHLY)	FAMILY AWARDS
£124,000	Liverpool	£64,000	£10,000	£50,000			
£58,000	Everton	£48,000	£10,000				
£42,000	Aston Villa	£32,000	£10,000				
£41,500	Chelsea	£4,000	£6,000	£25,000	£5,000	£1,500	
£41,000	Southampton	£4,000	£10,000	£25,000		£1,000	£1,000
£37,750	Sheffield Wed.	£16,000	£6,000	£15,000		£750	
£36,000	Walsall	£32,000	£4,000				
£35,500	Oxford	£16,000	£4,000	£15,000		£500	
£33,500	Nottm. Forest	£2,000	£10,000	£15,000	£6,500		
£26,000	Norwich	£16,000	£10,000				
£24,000	Wimbledon	£8,000	£4,000	£8,000	£3,500	£500	
£20,500	Rotherham	£16,000	£4,000			£500	
£20,500	Stoke	£8,000	£10,000				£2,500
£20,000	Arsenal	£8,000	£10,000			£2,000	
£19,000	Ipswich	£8,000	£10,000			£1,000	
£19,000	Watford	£2,000	£10,000			£2,000	£5,000
£18,000	Birmingham	£8,000	£10,000				
	Manchester Utd.	£8,000	£10,000				
	West Bromwich	£8,000	£10,000				
	West Ham Utd.	£8,000	£10,000				
£16,000	Tottenham	£4,000	£10,000			£1,000	£1,000
£15,000	Q.P.R.	£4,000	£10,000			£1,000	
£14,000	Coventry	£4,000	£10,000				
	Notts Co.	£4,000	£10,000				
	Sunderland	£4,000	£10,000				
£13,750	Newcastle	£2,000	£6,000	£5,000		£750	
£13,250	York	£1,000	£2,000	£8,000	£2,000	£250	
£12,000	Leicester	£2,000	£10,000				
	Luton	£2,000	£10,000				
	Wolverhampton	£2,000	£10,000				
£11,500	Derby	£2,000	£6,000				£3,500
£11,000	Sheffield Utd.	£2,000	£4,000	£4,000		£1,000	
£10,750	Fulham	£4,000	£6,000			£750	
	Manchester City	£4,000	£6,000			£750	
£10,250	Huddersfield	£4,000	£6,000			£250	
£10,000	Brighton	£4,000	£6,000				
	Leeds	£4,000	£6,000				
	Oldham	£4,000	£6,000				
	Shrewsbury	£4,000	£6,000				
£9,500	Portsmouth	£2,000	£6,000			£1,500	
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	Swansea	£2,000	£6,000				
£7,000	Charlton	£1,000	£6,000				
	Crystal Palace	£1,000	£6,000				
	Middlesbrough	£1,000	£6,000				
£6,250	Colchester	£4,000	£2,000			£250	
£6,000	Bradford	£1,000	£4,000			£1,000	
	Brentford	£2,000	£4,000				
	Bristol Rovers	£2,000	£4,000				
	Lincoln City	£2,000	£4,000				
	Millwall	£2,000	£4,000				
	Plymouth	£2,000	£4,000				
	Port Vale	£2,000	£4,000				
£5,500	Gillingham	£1,000	£4,000			£500	
£5,250	Reading	£1,000	£2,000	£2,000		£250	
£5,000	Crewe	£2,000	£2,000				£1,000
	Bolton	£1,000	£4,000				
	Bournemouth	£1,000	£4,000				
	Burnley	£1,000	£4,000				
	Exeter	£1,000	£4,000				
	Hull	£1,000	£4,000				
	Newport	£1,000	£4,000				
	Orient	£1,000	£4,000				
	Southend	£1,000	£4,000				
	Wigan	£1,000	£4,000				
£4,250	Aldershot	£2,000	£2,000			£250	
	Bristol City	£1,000	£2,000	£1,000		£250	
£4,000	Bury	£2,000	£2,000				
	Chester	£2,000	£2,000				
	Chesterfield	£2,000	£2,000				
	Darlington	£2,000	£2,000				
	Peterborough	£2,000	£2,000				
	Stockport	£2,000	£2,000				
	Torquay	£2,000	£2,000				
£3,250	Mansfield	£1,000	£2,000			£250	
£3,000	Blackpool	£1,000	£2,000				
	Halifax	£1,000	£2,000				
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Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players

At the beginning of the 1956/57 season Wanderers' were faced with a goalkeeping dilemma. Regular 'keeper Ken Grieves could not be released from his duties with Lancaster County Cricket Club so the job was handed to Eddie Hopkinson, who as an amateur had played only three League games for his previous club — Oldham Athletic.

Bill Ridding's choice proved to be the right one, for Eddie played in every game that season and, as the history books show, over 13 seasons he notched up a total of 519 League appearances for the Wanderers — a club record, surpassing Alec Finney's previous record of 483.

This week's feature on YESTERDAY'S HEROES highlights the career of the man they called "Steady Eddie".

When Portuguese World Cup stars Eusebio and Simoes accepted the invitation to play in Eddie Hopkinson's Testimonial match in May 1971 it spoke volumes for the popularity of the man affectionately known as "Hoppy".

Not only had Eddie given more than 20 years loyal service to the Wanderers, he had also played 20 times for England — 14 full internationals and six Under-23 games. No other Bolton goalkeeper since the legendary Dick Pym in the 'Twenties had represented his country and none was held in such high regard.

A fine athlete and all-round sportsman, Hoppy was a favourite with Bolton fans for many seasons, using his agility, bravery and judgment as the reliable last line of defence.

But it had taken him four years to establish himself as a first team regular. Born in Wheatley Hill, Durham, Eddie became a "naturalised" Lancastrian when his family moved to Royton and it was with Lancashire schoolboys that he first gained recognition.

At 16, having signed as an amateur with Oldham, he made his League debut in January 1952 in the Third Division North, joining Wanderers in August that year and signing professional forms in the November.

But it was to be Reserve and Junior team duties, punctuated by National Service in the R.A.F. for the next three seasons before he was to get his chance — a daunting debut against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road in August 1956.

He grasped the opportunity with both hands and never looked back.

His goalkeeping qualities caught the eye of the England selectors almost immediately and during that first full season Hopkinson was awarded his Under-23 cap.

It was some first season but the following year brought even higher rewards — a Cup winners medal and full England honours.



Short for a goalkeeper but that didn't stop "Steady Eddie" from commanding his penalty area.

He made his first England appearance against Wales at Cardiff in October 1957 when England won 4-0 and went on to wear the coveted England jersey in 14 full internationals including a tough tour of South America and the United States.

F.A. Cup joy came in May 1958 when he picked up a winner's medal in Wanderers' 2-0 Wembley success over Manchester United.

At 5ft 9ins Hopkinson was short for a goalkeeper. But his build and weight, just over 13 stone, and his bravery and agility made up for any lack of inches.

A keen cricketer, he played for Royton in the Central Lancashire League and for Heaton in the Bolton League. Hoppy was a true all-rounder. In fact he can claim to have represented his county at football, cricket and at swimming — another of his favourite sports.

The man who spanned the 'Fifties and 'Sixties in the Bolton goal made his 500th League appearance for the club in August 1969 and played for the last time against Sheffield United at Burnden Park on November 15, that year.

He was then appointed assistant trainer and had a great deal of success coaching the youth and reserve teams, before ending a 22-year association with the Wanderers in July 1974 when he went to Stockport as assistant manager.

But there was no keeping him away from Burnden Park and in 1979 he returned for a short spell to work with the goalkeeping trio of Jim McDonagh, Dave Felgate and Terry Poole.

Eddie isn't involved in football these days. He's a representative for a chemical company spending much of his spare time playing golf.



A hand on the F.A. Cup again — Eddie Hopkinson (second right) meets up with his old team mates Nat Lofthouse, Ralph Gubbins, Derek Hennin, Tommy Banks and John Higgins for a trip down Memory Lane and a chance to relive Wanderers' 1958 glory day.

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1984	Aug.	25 Bristol Rovers	0-1	4,469	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Deakin	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Joyce
		28 Oldham Athletic (MC1 1L)	2-1	3,286	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Deakin	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	Sept.	1 Derby County	2-3	11,478	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Berry	Lodge	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Deakin
		4 Oldham Athletic (MC1 2L)	4-4	4,010	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Berry	Lodge	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
		8 Hull City	0-0	5,403	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Foster
	15 Rotherham United	1-3	3,926	3,636	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge
	18 Swansea City	1-2			Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Rudge	Oghani	Foster	Phillips	Came
	22 Plymouth Argyle															
	25 Shrewsbury Town (MC2 1L)															
	29 Doncaster Rovers															
	Oct. 2 Walsall															
	6 Reading															
	9 Shrewsbury Town (MC2 2L)															
	13 A.F.C. Bournemouth															
	20 Preston North End															
	23 Bristol City															
	27 Burnley															
	Mid-week — Milk Cup 3															
	Nov. 3 Lincoln City															
	6 York City															
	10 Newport County															
	17 FA Cup 1															
	24 Gillingham															
	Dec. 1 Brentford															
	8 FA Cup 2															
	15 Millwall															
	22 Cambridge United															
	26 Wigan Athletic															
	29 Bradford City															
1985	Jan. 1 Orient															
	5 Bristol Rovers (FA 3)															
	12 Derby County															
	19 Hull City															
	26 Rotherham United (FA 4)															
	Feb. 2 Doncaster Rovers															
	9 Plymouth Argyle															
	12 Walsall															
	16 Swansea City (FA 5)															
	23 Lincoln City															
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	16 A.F.C. Bournemouth															
	23 Reading															
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	20 Gillingham															
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	May 4 Millwall															
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	18 FA Cup Final															



Jeff Chandler tests the Hull defence.

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Home matches and goalscorers in bold type. + Player substituted. ● Substitute used. ★ Own goal.

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Up to and including Tuesday 18th September 1984

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS		Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	
Bristol Rovers	5	3	0	0	6	0	1	0	13
Preston North End	5	2	0	0	4	1	5	4	12
York City	5	1	1	0	3	1	7	3	11
Gillingham	5	1	1	0	4	1	5	4	10
Millwall	5	2	0	0	3	0	4	4	10
Doncaster Rovers	5	2	0	1	5	3	4	3	9
Hull City	5	2	0	1	6	2	0	0	8
Bristol City	4	1	1	0	4	2	3	2	8
AFC Bournemouth	5	2	0	0	4	0	1	4	8
Brentford	4	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	7
Bradford City	5	1	1	0	3	1	2	4	7
Walsall	5	1	1	1	6	5	2	2	6
Burnley	5	0	2	0	1	1	4	4	6
Wigan Athletic	5	2	0	1	2	1	0	4	6
Reading	5	1	0	1	2	4	3	5	6
Rotherham United	5	1	2	0	4	2	0	4	5
Derby County	4	1	1	0	5	4	1	3	4
Plymouth Argyle	5	0	2	1	2	3	3	3	4
Swansea City	5	1	0	2	4	6	2	4	4
Lincoln City	5	0	2	0	2	2	2	4	3
Newport County	4	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	3
Orient	5	0	0	3	3	9	1	1	3
Cambridge United	5	1	0	2	3	6	0	5	3
Bolton Wanderers	5	0	1	1	0	1	4	8	1

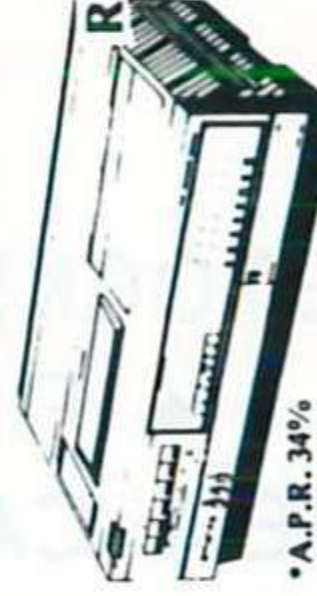
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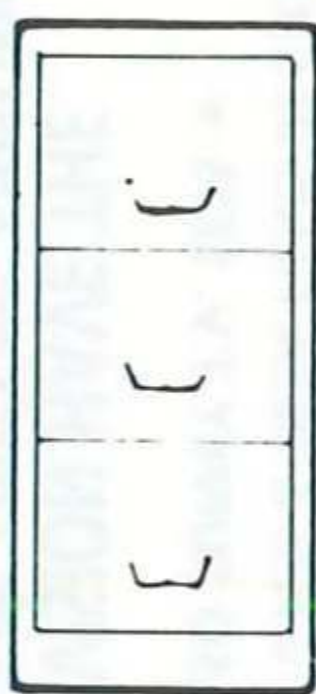
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Date	Opponents	Goals F A
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	Doncaster Rovers	2-3
	Oldham Athletic	
Oct.	Hull City	
	Middlesbrough	
	Port Vale	
	Grimsby Town	
	Leicester City	
	Preston North End	
Nov.	Blackpool	
	Wigan Athletic	
	Scunthorpe United	
	Burnley	
Dec	York City	
	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
	Sunderland	
1985		
Jan.	Rotherham United	
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	Doncaster Rovers	
	Oldham Athletic	
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	Hull City	
	Wigan Athletic	
	Blackpool	
Mar.	Preston North End	
	Leicester City	
	Grimsby Town	
	Port Vale	
Apr.	Scunthorpe United	
	Burnley	
	York City	
	Sunderland	
May	Wolverhampton Wanderers	

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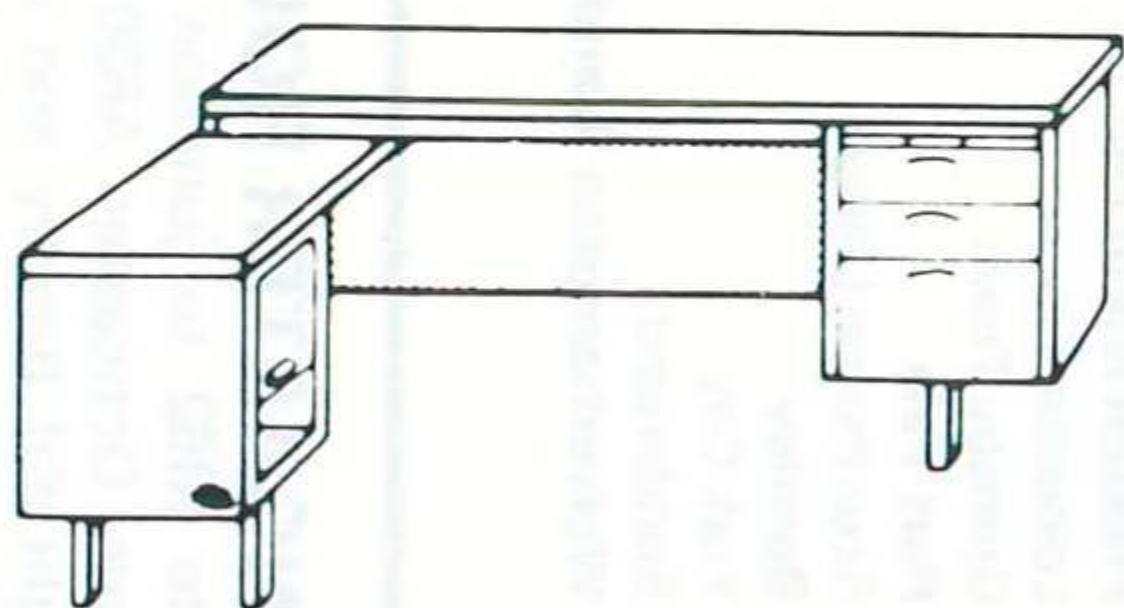
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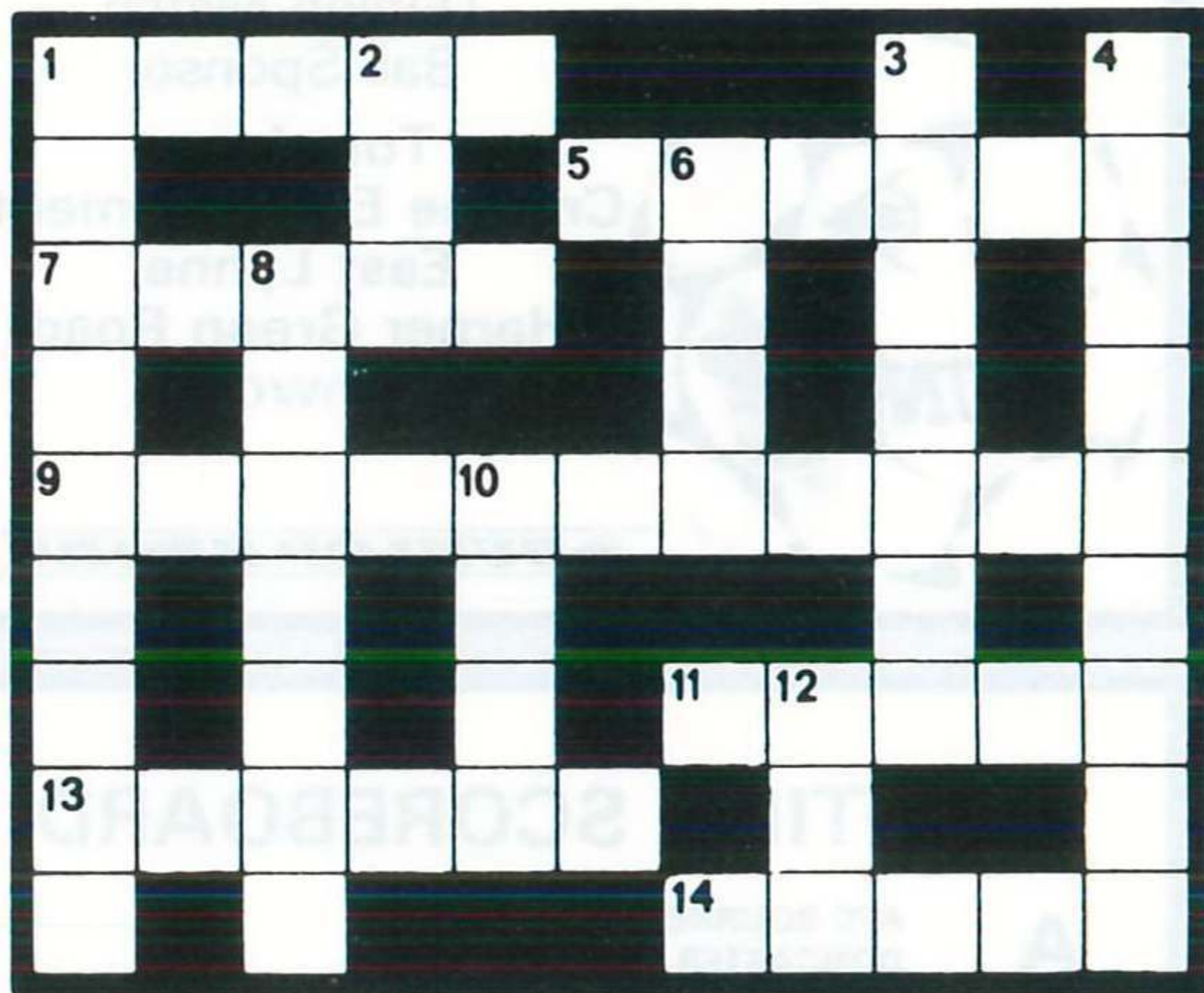
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CROSSWORD No. 4

ACROSS

1. It collapsed with fatal results at the Scotland v. England match at Ibrox in 1902 (5)
5. One could score from such a position (6)
7. It's on the ball in the crest of Crystal Palace (5)
9. One of that family of footballing brothers of which Allan and Wayne are just two others (5,6)
11. The men at the top of the club (5)
13. Smith of England . . . and one of the men to move from Arsenal to Watford (6)
14. Austin, for instance (5)



DOWN

1. & 4 down. They departed from Division Three in 1980 and reached Division One in 1984 (9,9)
2. See 12 down
3. The country which has capped Chiedozie (7)
4. See 1 down
6. He was one of soccer's Young men (in both senses) when he began his 300-match run with Manchester City, winding down with Preston and Rochdale (4)
8. City which staged the greatest-ever European Cup final (Real Madrid 7 v. Eintracht Frankfurt 3) (7)
10. Cartilage complications occur here (4)
- 12 & 2 down. The scoreline of the scrappy *other* European Cup final (Bayern Munich v. St Etienne) staged at 8 down (3-3)

Answers to No. 3: **ACROSS:** 1. See 12 across, 5. fouled, 7. Howe, 8. corners, 10. tussled, 12 & 1 across. Bryn Jones, 13. Nelson, 14. Moses. **DOWN:** 1. Johnston, 2. Newcastle, 3 & 9 down. four-one, 4. Bluebirds, 6. dissents, 9. See 3 down, 11. lion.

QUICK QUIZ No. 4

1. Which non-League club came closest to being voted in in 1984?
2. Which Briton has scored most European Cup goals?
3. Which club did John Toshack go to manage in 1984/85?
4. Who refereed the Everton-Watford FA Cup final?
5. Which country won the play-off for third place in the 1984 European Championship finals?

Answers to No. 3

1. Wimbledon, 2. Fifteen, 3. Five, 4. Belgium, 5. Forfar Athletic.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 4

Re-order the letters in each of the words

BURNED and **SEVERE**

to reveal two "REFEREES"

Answers to No. 3: LATICS and PIRATES

FITNESS TEST No. 4

Re-arrange all the letters of
TONY GREALISH

to create four four-letter
words that fit the edges of
the diamond.

Answers to No. 3
TASK/KNOT, TIES/SECT



ON THE BALL No. 4

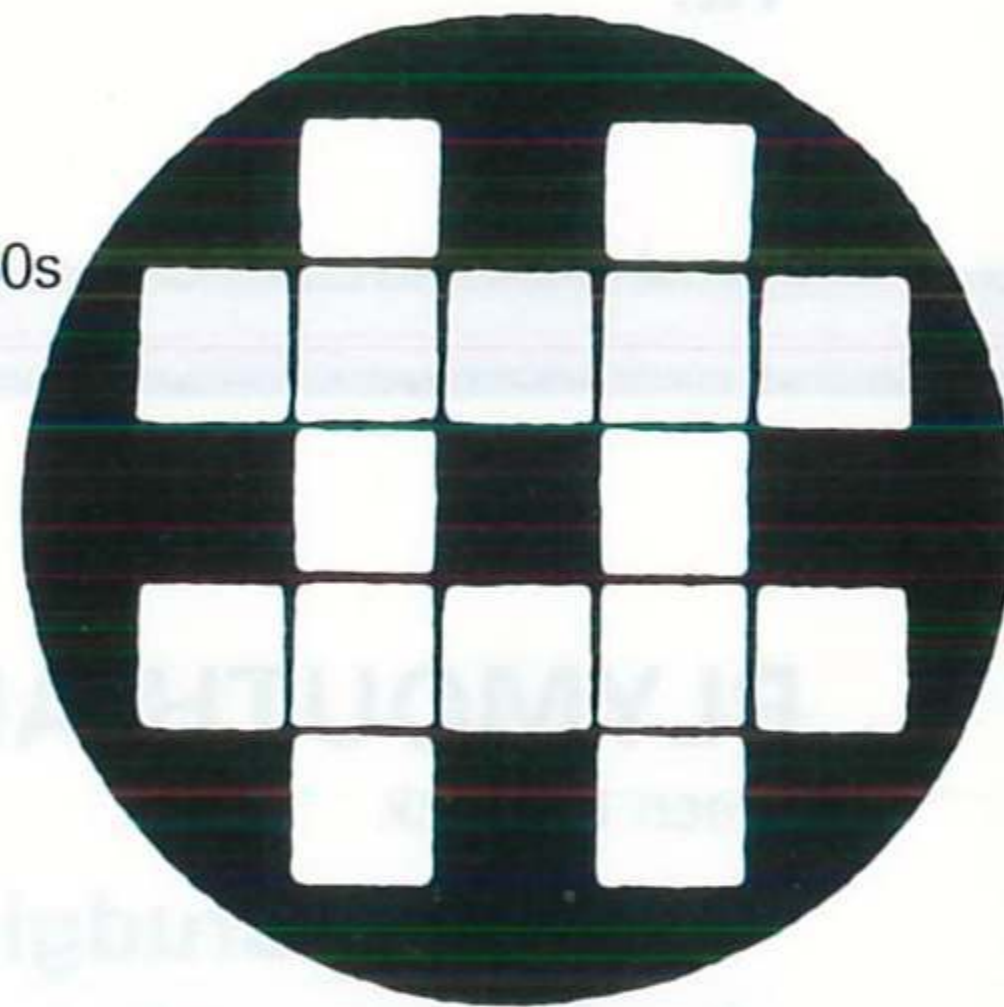
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the
top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Shade of Ireland

Demotes a player

Scottish Dixie

England keeper of the 80s



Answers to No. 3: TERRY, GENOA, BRADY, MOODY.

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ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

Teams

BOLTON WANDERERS

White and Navy Blue

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrows
3. Ray Deakin
4. Warren Joyce
5. Gerry McElhinney
6. Peter Valentine
7. Steve Thompson
8. Simon Rudge
9. George Oghani
10. Wayne Foster
11. Jimmy Phillips
- 12.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Green & Black

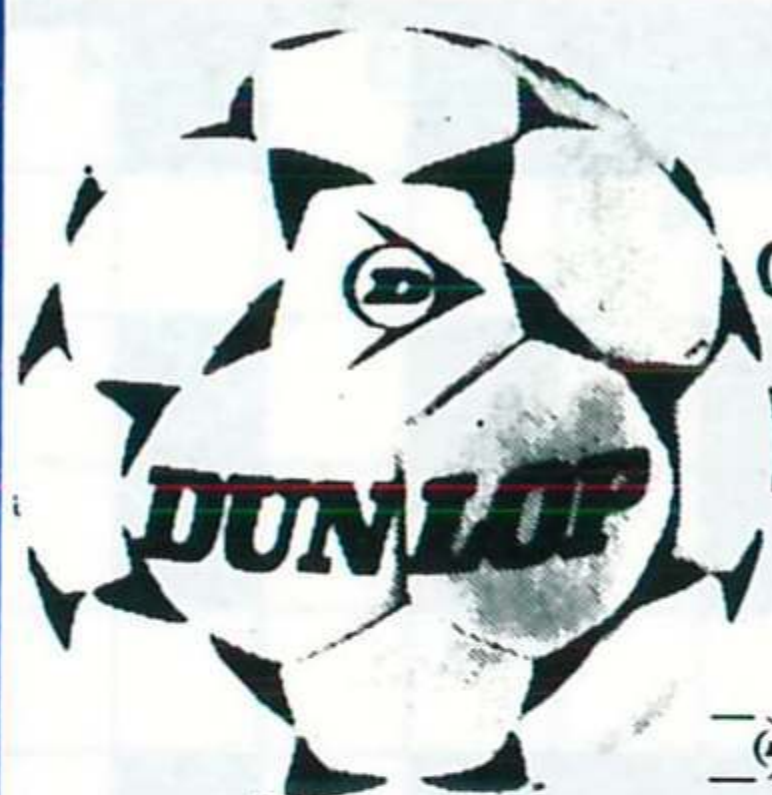
1. Geoff Crudgington
2. Gordon Nisbet
3. John Uzzell
4. Chris Harrison
5. Clive Goodyear
6. Adrian Burrows
7. Kevin Hodges
8. Leigh Cooper
9. Tommy Tynan
10. Gordon Staniforth
11. Russell Coughlin
12. Mark Rowe

Today's Referee: ALAN SAUNDERS

(Newcastle-upon-Tyne)

Area Supervisor. Newcastle Housing Department. Married with 20 year old son. Commenced refereeing in local leagues and progressed via Northern League. Interested in running and refereeing local 5-a-side football. Senior linesman in 1983 European cup match, Home Championship match and 1984 F.A. Cup Final. Refereed two Northern League Cup Finals and Milk Cup semi-final 1984.

Linesmen: P. L. WRIGHT (Northwich) Red Flag
B. W. SMALLWOOD (Buckley, Clwyd) Yellow Flag



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T	DERBY COUNTY
U	YORK CITY
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